OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Wilson College
Chambersburg, Pa.

March 3, 1934

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.
Delhi, New York.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I had heard that you were not well but only today, in a letter from Stewart, have I learned how very sick you have been.

I am writing just a line of friendly greeting and good wishes. It will not do for you and Laird both to be very ill at the same time. It inclines the balance of the world toward heterodoxy in a way that makes some of us old fogies dizzy.

With warm regard and best wishes for yourself and Mrs. Robinson,

Very truly yours,

E. D. Warfield

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The First Presbyterian Church
Maywood, N. J.

REV. ROBERT S. WIGHTMAN, MINISTER.

Oct. 9th '34.

The Rev. Cortland Robinson D.D.
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

It seems as though I ought to be asking you whether McCarthy has made out well enough in raising subscriptions to the Adirondack Mission work to semd me my monthly salary of forty one dollars and sixty six cents. My, those are far away days now. So much has transpired since then; everything, the Church, people, the general view of things; so much has come into the world, yes and so much out. But my Lord is the same; thank him that the changes of view concerning Him, does not make Him any different.

I am just writing a book which I think I shall entitle: " The Truth of the Matter", beginning with the answer to the question put to us all once in a while: "If you had it all to do over again would you be a clergyman?". It was a great privilege to be a sky pilot to those lumber jacks around DeGrasse and Clare; I got the vision of service there, and I never forgot the remark of one of your elders who happened to be calling on you when you were in Syracuse one night when coming down from the hill country I called on you:

"My dear young man" he said as he laid his hand on my shoulder "that country may leave marks on you, but you may feel happy that they are marks of the Lord Jesus" -- marks, he meant which I suffered in His service.

You were a young man when first I knew you in Potsdam, and it seems to me that you must be just the same open minded, big hearted, youthful wise counsellor you were to me in those now faw away days. Two years ago I drove over those roads in a car, which once I went over through deep sand, pulled by my little sorrel mare; and my mind was a kaleidoscope of precious memories. It seemed as though I might catch sight of "Brother Robertson", or Dr. Miller or "Dannie Fergurson" as some of us affectionately called him.

This afternoon in my parish calls I visited your Mrs Wilson whose grandaughter you baptized this past Summer, and she spoke of Mr. Carruthers of Baltimore as your possible next minister at Delhi. He preceded me here in Maywood about 14 years ago, and in leaving took a wonderful Maywood girl with him. I know nothing about Mr. Carruthers affairs; he has been temporarily ill this past month or so, but will soon be himself again.

Mr Taylor, who with yourself in on your Committee, stopped at the Manse the other day, and Mrs Wightman alone had the pleasure of meeting him. My only purpose in writing you this line is first to extend a brotherly hand over the span of years, glad to hear of you deeply intrenched as you are in the affections of your old friends; and to assure you that Mr. Carruthers is a mighty fine man, and did

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a good work here; a larger work in Pennsylvania, and now terribly busy in the Baltimore Church.

Mrs Wilson wondered why a man who had such a field would care to go somewhat away from the large city to the rural town; I cannot say; but I imagine that having had a good chance now to compare the work of the congested city with its hard contacts, and its wear and tear on the soul, he probably thinks with more kindliness toward such a region as Delhi where Christianity is more in vogue, and there is actually such a thing as experiencing religion; and where you have good wholesome men like Mr. Taylor.

I have an idea that should your Church call him, he would fit very nicely into the place made vacant by your retiring minister who has gone to my friend and classmates old Church in Buffalo.

Well, my dear Dr. Robinson may the richness of your wisdom assist in keeping you as helpful to your people, as it ofttimes did me in those far away at the beginning of the century.

Faithfully Yours

Robert S Wightman

P.S. Forgive the poorly expressed thoughts, but I have a very busy meeting of my Session in ten minutes from now.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Wilson College
Chambersburg, Pa.

May 1, 1934

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.
Delhi, New York

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Your little note I held over for a fuller answer to be made after Stewart's visit here and then the grippe or some other germ laid hold on me and Mrs. Warfield and so far as we were personally concerned his and his charming wife's visits were as if they had never been.

I was not really sick, at least I did not seem to be, but my doctor kept me under a very strict regime for several weeks and I do not feel as if I were quite ready for work yet.

I am hoping you will soon be much better and that you will enjoy the coming of spring, if it ever does come. Even my children in Washington are complaining that it is raw and cold down there.

With warm regard for yourself and Mrs. Robinson,

Very truly yours,

E. D. Warfield

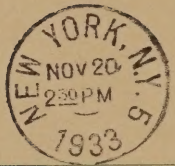
11/20/33

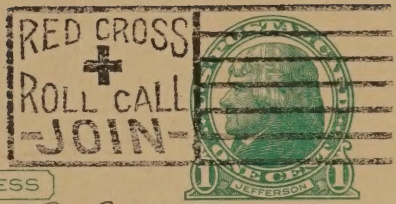
Dear Coral:

Just must say a few words to you all, including our Delhi colony, to say that Your Eulogy of our mutual friend John was a "Masterpiece" — Her 3 sons will never have a more faithful servant. Thanks for your exceedingly kind letter — Best wishes to Mrs R and yourself for a Merry Xmas and Bright New Year

Yours as ever

C.S.W.





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Rev Courtland Robinson

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C. S. WOODRUFF
134 PINEWOOD PLACE
WEST ENGLEWOOD
NEW JERSEY

11/14/33

My dear Court:

That was one of the finest eulogies you delivered for our mutual friend, John, that I ever read— You and I knew him, and always kept in touch with him— When he was located in N.Y. City, I often called at his office— Del Co and the Nation will miss him as time goes on— No

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one ever worked more diligently and faithfully for his country, than John Davenport Clarke – I thank a kind Providence that your life was spared, to do such a noble deed, to the memory of one who was so fond of You

Sincerely

Charlie Woodruff.

THE OFFICE AND RESIDENCE OF
REV. E. P. WHALLON, D. D., PH. D., LL. D.
103 WENTWORTH AVE., WYOMING, CINCINNATI, OHIO

Aug. 19th 1933

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I am sorry to see — in the Banner — your illness reported, & your consequent inability to fill an appointment for preaching. I hope the illness may not be severe & that you may soon be in good comfort.

I am not surprised however over the fact that you are ill. The worry & anxiety over the paper have worn on you. But we cannot afford to allow ourselves to be hurt by that which we cannot prevent. But I wish some one would give the paper some money & put it on its feet again.

I do not see how a new editor can be declined in the circumstances. If the paper has paid you nothing for nearly two years, & paid me nothing for nearly three years, I do not know how a new editor can be declined & supported.

But sometimes there are new & strange interventions in behalf of that which is good.

Trusting in the Lord of Goodness & Grace I am

Sincerely yours. E P Whallon

The Lord's Day League of New England

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS MAY 1895

DR. ROBERT WATSON, *General Secretary*

44 SCHOOL STREET, BOSTON July 28 1920

My dear Friend

I have learned since my return from Belfast Ireland, this month of your resignation because of ill health, as Editor of The Presbyterian I am very sorry to hear this both on your account and that of the paper. I trust the release from work already has proved helpful to you and that complete recovery may soon be yours.

You became Editor of the Presbyterian at a most critical time. I know of no one else who could have with equal tact courtesy and ability and at the same time with loyalty to the truth as The Presbyterian has always understood it, have measured up to the delicate + difficult tasks.

May all grace abound towards you + yours. Sincerely Robt Watson

JOSEPH HADDAWAY WRIGHT
858 Berkeley Ave.
TRENTON, N. J.

June 29. 1933

The Presbyterian

Dear Friend —

I am herewith enclosing my check for $2.50 for a renewal of my subscription to your paper for one year from July 1st next. tho I have been obliged to entirely cut out my subscription & dues to almost all magazines, papers & to Societies that I was very loth to do — nevertheless present conditions compelled it — However I just made up my mind I could not get along without "the Presbyterian" to which I have been a subscriber for all or nearly so, of 55 years —

I have been a member of one church N. J. for 58 yrs, a trustee for 55 yrs. an elder for more than 35 yrs Supt. of the S.S. for just 50 yrs. & I still need your paper to keep from shrinking up —

I am so sorry, more than words can, to see that Dr. Robinson has been ordered by his Physician to retire from the Editorship. first because the Physician found it necessary to do so — May we pray that the great Physician may restore his health & continue his usefulness —

second because of his stalwart stand for the faith & the word of God & his fair, logical & sound reasoning & practices & methods of the principles & doctrine & conclusions that are his in these controversial times —

I hope your paper may continue & that more means may be provided for its support & that the cause of Jesus Christ may be greatly advanced by its loyalty to Him —

Please convey to Dr. Robinson my regrets that he is leaving us — we have greatly missed his cheery & inspiring comments & editorials

Sincerely yours

Jos H Wright

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

April 17, 1933.

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I wish to thank you for the splendid statement on "The Deficiencies" which appears in "Comments and Timely Topics" column of THE PRESBYTERIAN for April 13. It is heartening to have this endorsement. We are human and make mistakes, but we are trying to do our best for the cause. These are days in which we must stand together and help one another in our efforts to further the Kingdom of our Lord.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. Graham Wilson,
General Secretary.

EGW:ES

STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CLINTON, NEW YORK
HAROLD WORDEN WYLIE, MINISTER

March 13th, 1933.

Rev. Wm. Courtland Robinson,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

This is a word of greeting from the one who is at the present time your successor in the pulpit here at Clinton.

On next Sunday, the 19th, which will be our annual Consecration Day, we are planning to use the idea of a "Witness to Pastorates" which is suggested in the March issue of "Everyone." We used it three years ago and the people responded to it quite well. I believe the plan originated with Dr. Kissler of Rochester.

In connection with this I have thought it would be appropriate and helpful to have short messages from you former pastors, which could be read from the pulpit to the people who united with the church under your ministries. My plan would be to read the message from you while those who united with the church under your leadership are standing.

I know that you are an exceedingly busy man, and doubtless this will be an unusually busy week in your life. But if you could find the time to send me a line, or perhaps a Scripture reference which could be read on this occasion, I would appreciate it very much. And I am sure such a word would be warmly welcomed by the considerable number of our members who still have vivid memories of your work in this congregation.

Thanking you for your help, and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Harold Worden Wylie

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

March 9, 1933.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,
Delhi,
New York.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I wish to thank you for the editorial "A Protest" which appears in the current number of the magazine. It was gracious of you to make this statement, and I think it will help to correct a misunderstanding which a previous editorial undoubtedly created in the minds of many. These are times in which we must all pull together. The Boards are not infallible, but I believe they are honestly striving to serve the Church and to accomplish the task which has been committed to them.

I note that on page 22 you use the heading "Board of Home Missions" in reporting the budget of the Board of National Missions for the new year. This is undoubtedly an oversight. The Board of Home Missions has been continued for legal purposes, but has no administrative responsibility.

I had a nice visit the other day in Elizabeth with Stewart. He is having a splendid ministry and God is using him in a large way.

I was shocked to hear from him of the death of Julian Alexander. Julian was one of our crowd in the Sunday School of the Northminster Church thirty years ago. He will be greatly missed, not only in the church, but by all who knew him and loved him.

Hoping you are in good health, I am, with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

E. Graham Wilson.

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843 MARYLAND AVENUE
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

March 2 1933

Dear Dr. Robinson—

Many thanks to you for your courteous reply to my protest in what I considered a grave question of truth and "intellectual" honesty. Words are often poor servants of our ideas and this is how I should have qualified the word "dishonesty." I have come to feel for myself the need of seeing things in the nakedness of reality and freed, as far as possible, from false de-
-ductions, conclusions etc. Knowing that many of your readers

would draw conclusions from your article, it still is, which would do harm to the truth. I felt moved to present this side of the matter to you. Better maintain silence until one's words can be based on personal knowledge and not on the preponderance of testimony. It boots little what others think or how the vote goes. a religious leader is under obligation to know for himself and <u>under God</u> to make his decision. I was amused but also deeply troubled when I learned that a group of evangelical ministers

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is a Pennsylvania town, faced by a very real work & grace in a number of lives. instead of honestly looking into the Fellowship, sent a fee to a "Research Bureau" in New York to get light on The Fellowship! That is certainly "holding down the truth in unrighteousness" and denotes a moral tragedy. Such moral fog among our Christian leaders needs to be soundly challenged and might well call for a "leader" on your editorial pages. There

is need for stating the canons and conditions under which we as Christians dare judge. When we have honestly met the Master's challenge of the "beam-mote" process, then we may proceed to judge according to these principles: (1) Exceptions exist to every rule, but the exception does not disprove the rule. 'Stray' people on the fringe of the Fellowship are no safe basis for judging the Movement. (2) We are judged by what we judge. Criticism of the Fellowship is often a defense mechanism and really shows our unwillingness to face the full light. (3) We should be humble

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"The Spirit bloweth where He
will" and the evidence of
changed lives as the result
of giving Christ access to us
as He is presented by these
disciplined members of the "Group"
should cause gratitude to God
who has again remembered
His people in mercy. This does
not shut the door to criti-
cism which comes out of a
life already judged by the Cross
of Christ. But if it come from
fear of 'splitting the Church' of
arousing opposition, or of facing
ones own life in the full light
of the Holy Spirit, it is not worthy

and it is another voice than His. which we are eager to hear and follow.

You may count on me more than ever and I feel drawn even closer to you through these frank words all penned in love. There are days when the Church is facing a major operation and we need courage to be honest i. e. free from all the cross currents, self and opinions of men. that we may hear God's Word to us and to our generation.

Again I thank you for your letter and renew my hope that the Presbyterian may be the Same open

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thankful for all that is of
the Spirit of God.

Yours, in His Fellowship.

John R. Rodman

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C. FRANKLIN WARD
SECRETARY OF PROMOTION

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Feb. 23, '33

The Presbyterian
Philadelphia, Pa.

(Confidential)

Dear Mr. Editor:-

Whoever wrote the article on the "Meeting of the General Assembly", which appears in your issue of the 23d instant, deserves the hearty congratulations of the entire Church. I agree with the brother. He has stated the case forcefully and fairly. The General Assembly meetings have cost too much and too little time has been made available to the commissioners for discussion from the floor.

I hope, however, that the Assembly will meet this year at a more central place.

Sincerely
C. Franklin Ward

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404 GREENWOOD PLACE

TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES
E. B. WOOD
134 HARVARD PLACE

February 23 1933

Rev. Dr. W. Courtland Robinson.
1217 Hamilton St.
Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Robinson -

This is a personal word & deepest regret that you should have printed such an editorial note as appears in the last issue of The Presbyterian entitled "The Low Cost." You might cherish such a delusion privately, if you wished, but to set before your readers such a blind prejudiced statement calls for serious protest. And I do this not to call in question the 'policy' of The Presbyterian, which I have generally followed, but to point out the peril and sin of this attitude toward a spiritual movement of our day. Frankly, yet in Christian love, may I point out to you that you are dishonest in your

attitude. Over and again you disclaim any personal knowledge of the Fellowship. - although you might easily have informed yourself - and you confess your judgment is based on hearsay evidence. Yet you proceed to prejudge and to give a wholly erroneous view of this movement, even beginning with your title. I earnestly ask of you, is this honest and does it not come short of Christian morality? May Romans 1:18 characterize such an attitude! To "hold down (see margin) the truth in unrighteousness" does not require that we be heinous sinners but may apply quite easily to those who hinder the truth by lack of plain honesty. I recall that our Lord set down the conditions under which we are fitted to judge others. It is only fair that we should be assured that those who sit in judgment on the "motes" have first been judged by the Spirit in their own lives.

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As to the Princeton reaction some years ago - you might get first hand information from one of the Investigating Committee appointed by President Hibben - a lawyer by training - who had the courage to follow his convictions and openly oppose what the College would have condemned.

I have written frankly, Dr. Robinson, not in any spirit of bitterness, but because, I believe, that whatever your personal views may be - and I judge you not - it is a perilous attitude for you to take editorially, and as to your personal attitude I would covet for all my friends, the deepened meaning of the Cross, the intensified sense of sin, and the marvellous reality of the Lord Jesus Christ, into which many have come through the revival of New Testament faith.

Yours in Christ and always for the truth -
John R. Woodcock

Sept. 20. 1933.

MRS. WILLIAM L. WATSON
406 SUSQUEHANNA AVENUE
WEST PITTSTON, PENNA.

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson.
Editor of "The Outlook".
Dear Sir.

Many of your readers are going to be greatly disappointed in the somewhat tolerant stand you seem to take toward this new cult of Buchmanism.

It seems to me that the movement is not to be judged by any of its individual adherents. For we are forewarned that in these last days from the "dry dock" many

be deceived; but by its
"fruits" as the Lord Says. and
by its attitude toward Christ
and the "Precious Blood" of the
atonement. May I Say very re-
spectfully that it seems to me that
as Editor of a paper which
stands with fundamentalists,
~~that~~ it is up to you to make a
very thorough examination of
this new cult running like wildfire
through the churches. And then
give us a very positive endorse-
ment or condemnation of the same.

Much is made of the claim
of "changed lives" (Christian Science
makes the same claim) but Rev. Mr. Commons
of Atlantic City says that of the nearly 150
different men making this claim when he
himself was in the movement, not one today
could be really called born-again
Christians!" I have taken the

MRS. WILLIAM L. WATSON
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WEST PITTSTON, PENNA.

libaly of mailing you some material in regard to this matter which you may not have seen. — Trusting that you may not take my letter amiss. but only as one with yourself in wishing to use my influence in the interests of Righteousness, I am

Respectfully yours

Mrs. Wm. L. Watson